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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENUMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Line 22, please insert -- pMS434 contains in part DNA having the DNA sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:31. pMSP6L contains in part DNA having the DNA sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:32. 4A

Line 24, please insert -- pMS434 contains in part DNA having the \bigcirc DNA sequence identified as SEQ IE NO:31. pMSP6L contains in part